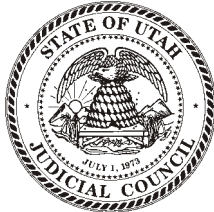


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### EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT EXECUTIVE APPOINTED

**Vernal, UT---**The Administrative Office of the Utah State Courts has appointed Russell Pearson as the court executive for Eighth District Court, which serves Daggett, Duchesne, and Uintah counties. Mr. Pearson replaces John Greene who passed away earlier this year.

As the court executive, Mr. Pearson will be responsible for the administration of district and juvenile courts, which includes providing administrative support to three judges and managing support operations of about 30 professional and technical staff, case management, court facilities, probation services, and court security. In addition, the court executive develops, justifies, and manages the court budget.

Mr. Pearson, who will begin working at the courts August 14, has worked as assistant city manager for Vernal since 1999. Prior to this, he served as Vernal's community and economic director and the planner/code enforcement officer for West Jordan City.

Mr. Pearson earned a Masters of Public Administration degree and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Brigham Young University. He resides in Vernal.

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